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TEXT: ABSTRACT. THIS ARTICLE WAS PUBLISHED IN THE FEBRUARY 6, 1990 ISSUE OF THE DAILY SNAP.

THE ARTICLE SURVEYS OPINIONS AND LAYMEN REGARDING CONTROVERSIAL METHODS WHICH MEDICAL PSYCHOTHERAPIST A. KASHPIROVSKIY AND OTHER PROFESSED HEALERS HAVE BEEN USING. EXCERPTS ARE PUBLISHED FROM TELEVISION INTERVIEWS WHICH WERE GIVEN IN SEPTEMBER OF LAST YEAR BY KASHPIROVSKIY; V. MEDVEDEV, CORRESPONDING MEMBER AND DEPUTY CHIEF SCIENTIFIC SECRETARY OF THE USSR ACADEMY OF SCIENCES; AND ACADEMICIAN V. KAZNACHEYEV, DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE OF CLINICAL AND EXPERIMENTAL MEDICINE OF AMN SSSR'S SIBERIAN BRANCH. SOME INTERVIEWEES ATTACKED THE DECISION TO PERMIT BROADCASTING OF KASHPIROVSKIY'S HYPNOTHERAPY SESSIONS OVER NATIONWIDE TELEVISION WITHOUT PRELIMINARY EXPERT EVALUATION OF CONDITIONS IN WHICH SUCH THERAPY IS ADVISABLE. CONTACTED BY TELEPHONE IN REGARD TO THIS MATTER WERE FIRST DEPUTY HEALTH MINISTER I. DENISOV, WHO AUTHORIZED THE TELECASTS; DEPUTY HEALTH MINISTER V. LEPAKHIN; V. ILIN, DEPUTY HEAD OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH'S MAIN SCIENTIFIC ADMINISTRATION; AND A. KARPOV, CHIEF PSYCHIATRY SPECIALIST OF THE MINISTRY.

MEDVEDEV MENTIONED THAT HIS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN AND ANIMAL PHYSIOLOGY IS IN FAVOR OF ORGANIZING OBJECTIVE RESEARCH OF KASHPIROVSKIY'S METHODS BY ACADEMY SCIENTISTS, IF THE NECESSARY FUNDS CAN BE OBTAINED FOR THIS PURPOSE. POKROVSKIY ESTIMATED THE COST OF SUCH A PROJECT AT SEVERAL HUNDRED THOUSAND RUBLES. HE THOUGHT THAT PERSONS SUFFERING FROM NEUROSES AND FUNCTIONAL DISORDERS MIGHT BENEFIT FROM TELEVIZED THERAPY; ON THE OTHER HAND, TEMPORARY REMISSION OF SYMPTOMS IN PERSONS SUFFERING FROM GRAVE ORGANIC ILLNESSES MIGHT DELAY RENDERING OF NEEDED MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO THESE PEOPLE. KASHPIROVSKIY EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO SUBMIT HIS METHODS TO FRANK DISCUSSION AND EXPERIMENTAL TESTING, PROVIDED RESULTS OF SUCH INVESTIGATIONS WERE PUBLICIZED FAIRLY AND OBJECTIVELY. HE THOUGHT THAT IT WOULD BE BEST TO LEAVE THE TASK OF INFORMATION GATHERING TO SPECIALISTS, HOWEVER.

KAZNACHEYEV REPORTED THAT HE AND HIS COLLEAGUES HAD JUST COMPLETED A SERIES OF EXPERIMENTAL STUDIES OF EFFECTS WHICH CERTAIN KINDS OF OPERATORS (THOSE WITH EXTRASENSORY CAPABILITIES, FOR EXAMPLE)

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PRODUCE ON LIVING CELLS. HE MENTIONED THAT JOINT WORK IN THIS DIRECTION IS BEING DONE WITH AMERICAN SCIENTISTS OF A RESEARCH CENTER IN MICHIGAN. ON THE BASIS OF THESE STUDIES, KAZNACHEYEV CONTENDED THAT KASHPIROVSKIY'S PROCEDURES ARE NEITHER PSYCHOTHERAPY NOR HYPNOSIS BUT INVOLVE A DIFFERENT PHENOMENON AN INFORMATION AND ENERGY FLOW WHICH IS TRANSMITTED FROM ONE PERSON TO ANOTHER EITHER DIRECTLY OR VIA TELEVISION. IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT SUCH A FLOW CAN PRODUCE HARMFUL EFFECTS ON CELLS, REGARDLESS OF THE OPERATOR'S INTENTIONS. UNCONTROLLED USE OF THIS PHENOMENON IS THEREFORE DANGEROUS, IN KAZNACHEYEV'S OPINION.

KAZNACHEYEV THOUGHT THAT THIS PROBLEM COULD BE SOLVED ONLY BY COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF THE ESSENCE OF LIVING MATTER, WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF SPECIALISTS IN AREAS OTHER THAN MEDICINE. HOWEVER, NO WORK IN THE FIELD OF BIOPHYSICS (AS DISTINGUISHED FROM PHYSICS OF LIVING MATTER) IS BEING DONE IN THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES AT PRESENT. KAZNACHEYEV THEREFORE SUGGESTED THAT THE USSR UNION OF SCIENTIFIC AND ENGINEERING SOCIETIES' ALL UNION COMMITTEE ON INTERCHANGE OF ENERGY AND INFORMATION IN NATURE BE ENLISTED IN RESEARCH OF THIS PROBLEM, AND THAT SPECIALISTS OF AMERICA, JAPAN AND OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES TAKE PART IN IT. HE BELIEVED THAT SUCH POOLING OF RESOURCES WOULD MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN RESULTS IN ABOUT A YEAR AND A HALF.

PFN INFORMATION: PART 001

RELATES: V POKROVSKIY AND V KAZNACHEYEV ARE MEMBERS OF AKAD MEDITSINSKIKH NAUK SSSR.

PERSON: POKROVSKIY, V
PROTITLE: PRESIDENT
PERS CTY: USSR (UR)

PERSON: KAZNACHEYEV, V
PROTITLE: ACADEMICIAN
PERS CTY: USSR (UR)

FACILITY: AKAD MEDITSINSKIKH NAUK SSSR
FACL CTY: USSR (UR)

PFN INFORMATION: PART 002

RELATES: V MEDVEDEV IS A MEMBER OF AKAD NAUK SSSR.

PERSON: MEDVEDEV, V
PROTITLE: CORRESPONDING MEMBER
PERS CTY: USSR (UR)

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PFN INFORMATION: PART 003

RELATES: I DENISOV AND V LEPAKHIN ARE MEMBERS OF MIN ZDRAVOOKHRANENIYA SSSR.

PERSON: DENISOV, I
PROTITLE: DEPUTY MINISTER
PERS CTY: USSR (UR)

PERSON: LEPAKHIN, V
PROTITLE: DEPUTY
PERS CTY: USSR (UR)

FACILITY: MIN ZDRAVOOKHRANENIYA SSSR
FACL CTY: USSR (UR)

PFN INFORMATION: PART 004

PERSON: ILIN, V
PROTITLE: HEAD
PERS CTY: USSR (UR)

PERSON: KARPOV, A
PROTITLE: PSYCHIATRIST
PERS CTY: USSR (UR)

PERSON: TSAREGORODTSEV, A
PROTITLE: DEPUTY MINISTER
PERS CTY: USSR (UR)

PFN INFORMATION: PART 005

FACILITY: OTDELENIYE FIZIOLOGII
SUPERIOR: AKAD NAUK SSSR
FACL CTY: USSR (UR)
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PFN INFORMATION: PART 006

RELATES: V KAZNACHEYEV IS A MEMBER OF SIBIRSKOYE OTDELENIYE (AKAD

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PERSON: KAZNACHEYEV, V

PROTITLE: DIRECTOR, ACADEMICIAN

PERS CTY: USSR (UR)

FACILITY: SIBIRSKOYE OTDELENIYE

SUPERIOR: AKAD MEDITSINSKIKH NAUK SSSR

SUBORD: INST KLINICHESKOY I EKSPERIMENTALNOY MEDITSINY

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FSUBORD: FACILITY SUBORDINATION DATA

PFN INFORMATION: PART 007

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